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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT STATUS REPORT

This correspondence is in response to your Board's May 19, and September 1, 2009, requests for monthly status reports on the Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) audit.

Below is the current data associated with the SAK Backlog Elimination Project for incidents occurring prior to November 1, 2008:

	<u>Initial</u>		<u>Current</u>	
Unanalyzed SAKs	4,667	76%	3,022	50%
Analyzed SAKs	1,438	24%	3,083	50%
Total SAKs	6,105	100%	6,105	100%

As of February 17, 2010, a total of 2,748 untested SAKs (59 percent of the initial untested kits) have been outsourced for analysis. For the month of February, a total of 428 SAKs were outsourced. The results received from the outsourced SAKs thus far are as follows:

Sexual Assault Kit (Pre-11/01/2008) Test Results

Positive Biological Material Screen	870	62%
Negative Biological Material Screen	531	38%
Total Results Received	1,401	100%

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Positive Biological Material Screen SAK (Pre-11/01/2008) Status

Pending Completion of Technical Review:

<i>Unknown Suspect</i>	141	16%
<i>Known Suspect</i>	430	49%
Failed to Meet CODIS Upload Eligibility Requirements	170	20%
Uploaded to CODIS	129	15%
Total Positive Biological Material Screen	870	100%

Based upon laboratory invoices received, the outsourcing expenditures for the six current months, broken down by funding source, are as follows:

Outsourcing Expenditures - September 2009 through February 2010

Month	\$2.3 Million Allocation	DNA Backlog Reduction Grant	Prop. 69	Unit Budget	Monthly Totals
September	\$0	\$302,172	\$16,599	\$18,923	\$337,694
October	\$150	\$201,770	\$9,964	\$22,610	\$234,494
November	\$65,201	\$73,880	\$0	\$50,592	\$189,673
December	\$10,900	\$159,305	\$0	\$0	\$170,205
January	\$6,900	\$148,469	\$0	\$5,159	\$160,528
February	\$2,616	\$47,852	\$0	\$9,811	\$60,279
Totals	\$85,767	\$933,448	\$26,563	\$107,095	\$1,152,873

Personnel Hiring Update

Regarding the six positions (one supervising criminalist and five senior criminalists) authorized by your Board on September 22, 2009, two individuals were selected from the current certification list. One individual has begun employment as a criminalist and the other selection is undergoing the background investigation. Selection interviews are in progress for the hiring and assignment of the three remaining criminalists, which are being filled through an open and continuous examination process. A supervising criminalist promotional examination was announced, applications were accepted, and interviews will be completed in early March.

Status of Post November 1, 2008, Sexual Assault Kits

The Department continues in-house testing and outsourcing of SAKs submitted subsequent to November 1, 2008. For the month of February 2010, a total of 20 SAKs were outsourced to the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Forensic Services. The Department's Scientific Services Bureau currently has 590 SAKs either undergoing, or in queue, for testing and are broken down into the following categories:

Sexual Assault Kit (Post-11/01/2008) Status

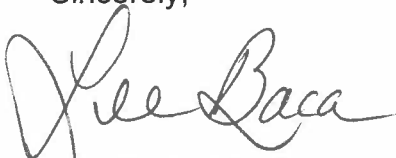
	Unknown Suspect	Known Suspect	Total
Assigned	124	67	191
Pending Assignment	14	385	399
Total	138	452	590

Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) Matches

A total of 114 confirmed CODIS matches involving Department cases have been made from the uploaded profiles. Of these 114 cases, 71 are currently under investigation. Forty-three cases are closed: 7 resulted in criminal filings (2 of these were related to the processing of the SAK backlog elimination project), 1 case was deferred by the District Attorney's Office to parole authorities in lieu of filing charges, 1 Non-Detained petition (minor subject) was filed, 25 were rejected for filing by the District Attorney's Office, and 9 were closed due to all workable information being exhausted.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact Technical Services Division Chief David R. Betkey at (562) 345-4301.

Sincerely,



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